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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-11 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest a method including storing pieces of a laminate structure in a moisturizing environment to adjust the moisture content of the aliphatic polyester resin layer to at least 0.5 wt. % and washing the broken pieces with alkaline water to remove the aliphatic polyester resin layer by complete dissolution through hydrolysis thereof.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL PIERY whose telephone number is (571)270-5047. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10-6:30.

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